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1. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR U.S. DELEGATION TO
SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. IT ASSUMES DELE-
GATION WILL ARRIVE HONIARA JULY 5 AND DEPART JULY 8.

JULY 5

1800 HEADS OF DELEGATION AND WIVES PRESENTED TO THEIR
ROYAL HIGHNESSES AND TO GOVERNOR AND LADY ALLAN AT
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

1830 GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE (FULL
DELEGATION)

JULY 6

1000 DEPART FOR DRIVE ALONG COAST TO TAMBEA VILLAGE

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FOR SWIM AND LUNCH AT RESORT. ON RETURN TRIP,
VISIT VULU CULTURAL AND MODEL VILLAGE AND SEE WAR
RELICS.
1530 ARRIVE BACK IN HONIARA
1715 DEPART FOR LAWSON TAMA
1730 NATIONAL DISPLAY AND FIREWORKS AT LAWSON TAMA
2000 GOVERNOR'S DINNER. (THIS IS FOR COMMONWEALTH

REPRESENTATIVES. SEN. GLENN MAY OR MAY NOT BE INVITED.)

2100 RECEPTION ON BOARD USS WHIPPLE

JULY 7

0730 ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS CATHEDRAL

(OPTIONAL)

0900 DEPART FOR LAWSON TAMA

0930 INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY AT LAWSON TAMA

1330 DEPART FOR VISIT TO BLOODY RIDGE, U.S. MONUMENT AND BETIKAMA CARVING CENTER WHICH HAS LARGE SELECTION OF SOLOMON ISLANDS ARTIFACTS FOR SALE.

1530 COFFEE WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

1830 PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION

2000 "ISLAND NIGHT" STATE BALL AT HOTEL MENDANA

2. USDEL SHOULD PLAN TO HAVE MEALS ON BOARD SHIP. ONLY ALTERNATIVES ARE GUADALCANAL CLUB WHICH WILL BE OVER-EXTENDED AND ONE CHINESE RESTAURANT WHICH PROBABLY WOULD ACCEPT RESERVATION FOR EVENING JULY 6 IF NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.

3. IN ADDITION TO PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE, THERE WILL BE A WIDE RANGE OF ATHLETIC EVENTS GOING ON ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY AND NATIVE DANCES WILL BE PERFORMED EACH AFTERNOON AND EVENING AT THE CENTRALLY-LOCATED SITE OF THE INDEPENDENCE SHOW. FINALLY, THE SMALL, BUT EXCELLENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL MUSEUM WILL HAVE AN INDEPENDENCE EXHIBITION WORTH VISITING.

4. WHILE TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED, DELEGATES SHOULD KNOW THAT EVERYTHING EXCEPT LAWSON TAMA AND THE CATHEDRAL IS WITHIN 15 MINUTE WALK FROM SHIPS, WHICH WILL BE TIED UP ABOUT 500 YARDS FROM CENTER OF TOWN. LAWSON TAMA IS ABOUT ONE AND ONE QUARTER MILES AWAY. WELCOME KITS TO BE HANDED DELEGATES WILL INCLUDE MAPS SHOWING LOCATIONS OF ALL EVENTS. DELEGATES SHOULD BRING CASUAL WALKING SHOES FOR DAYTIME EVENTS AS MOST WALKWAYS ARE DIRTY AND NO SHOE SHINING SERVICES AVAILABLE. BECAUSE OF BOTTLENECK (SINGLE LANE BRIDGE) ON WAY TO LAWSON, TAMA, DELEGATES MAY HAVE TO WALK 15 MINUTES

OF WAY.

5. GSI WILL PROVIDE CARS FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION TO SCHEDULED EVENTS. IN ADDITION TO PEACE CORPS MINI-BUS, WE WILL HAVE 12 PASSENGER BUS COURTESY BREWER SOLOMONS (HAWAIIAN AGRONOMICS). WE TRYING FIND ADDITIONAL AUTO FOR HOLBROOKES. OBVIOUSLY, WE WILL PROVIDE FOR MOVING BAGGAGE.

6. WILL ASK PEACE CORPS TO LOCATE KUPERS. IF THEY ARE
ON SANTA ANA, WE HOPE THEY HAVE RADIO AS ISLAND THREE
DAY SAIL FROM HONIARA. ASSUMING CONTACT MADE, PLAN TO
HAVE USMC GENERAL OFFICER MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT RECEPTION
ON USS HOLT EVENING JULY 6. PLAN ALSO TO INVITE SOLOMON
WAR HERO VOUZA (HONORARY MASTER SERGEANT USMC) TO RECEPTION.

7. FURTHER RESPONSE TO REFTELS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS
WE CAN REACH HONIARA BY PHONE. EFFORTS TO DATE UN-
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